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REPORT OF FEDERAL FISH HATCHERIES—AUGUST 1941

During the month of August, more than 14,943,928 fry and fingerlings of 19 varieties were distributed in suitable waters by 54 Federal hatcheries located in 28 States. In addition approximately 23,000,000 eggs, fry, and fingerlings of 33 varieties were handled or ready for stocking.

Following is a breakdown summary of activities:

MAINE

Craig Brook. - Owing to low water conditions it was necessary to distribute fingerlings as follows: 112,500 Atlantic salmon and 6,000 lake trout. All fish were distributed by State tank. The Atlantic salmon were liberated in the East Branch of the Penobscot River and its tributaries.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Berlin. - Shipments of legal length yearlings, totaling 70,400, were made by the States of Vermont and New Hampshire during the month, and distributed under terms of the existing Cooperative Agreements.

MASSACHUSETTS

Gloucester. - Active lobster cultural operations were discontinued during the month, 5,330 fourth stage lobsters being liberated in suitable spots around Cape Ann. Since no other suitable seeders could be obtained the lobster work was necessarily stopped for this season.

Hartsville. - Twenty-one thousand brook trout fingerlings were distributed to rearing pools of sportsmen's clubs in Massachusetts.

NEW YORK

Watertown. - About 40,000 brook and 1,575 rainbow trout fingerlings were distributed to applicants.

VIRGINIA

Wytheville. - Approximately 36,000 fingerling brook trout were delivered to the Jefferson National Forest for stocking streams in southwest Virginia.

WEST VIRGINIA

Leetown. - Thirteen thousand three hundred bass were distributed in the South Branch valley from the Moorefield sub-station.

The following were distributed during the past month: 6,451 largemouth and 17,950 smallmouth black bass, and 2,356 brook and 2,356 rainbow trout. The trout represent an experimental planting in North Creek in the Jefferson National Forest.

NORTH CAROLINA

Hoffman. - A total of 19,350 fingerling largemouth black bass was distributed into 27 bodies of water in various sections of North Carolina within a radius of 80 miles of the station. Trips were made in the vicinity of Wilmington, Burlington, Charlotte, Newton, and High Point to distribute fish in those areas.

The North Carolina Division of Game and Inland Fisheries received a truck load of fish for stocking White Lake in Bladen County.

The total distribution of bass from five nursery ponds which were stocked with bass fry early in the season was 33,600 fingerlings. This represents about the best results ever had at this station to date from stocking bass nursery ponds.

Pisgah Forest. - Station personnel marked 7,215 brook trout for planting in the head waters of the Pigeon River. Two thousand of these fish were transported to Sunburst on August 19; the remainder will be planted within a short time.

Seventeen hundred brook trout were planted in the North Fork of the French Broad River.

Smokemont. - During the month 40,000 brook trout fingerlings were received from the Walhalla, S. C., station.

GEORGIA

Lake Park. - The 91,500 fingerling bass supplied applicants during the month bring the total distribution since July 1 to 170,000.

Warm Springs. - There were 7,000 largemouth bass distributed during the month.

INDIANA

Rochester. - Approximately 150,000 fish have been distributed.

MICHIGAN

Charlevoix. - Fifty thousand lake trout were planted in each Torch and Elk Lakes.

WISCONSIN

LaCrosse. - Approximately 67,000 fingerling bass were removed from ponds and distributed.

Lake Mills. - Thirty thousand sixty fingerling largemouth bass and 400 yearling bluegill sunfish were delivered to Fisheries Car No. 9 for distribution in Wisconsin waters. In addition 24,100 fingerling largemouth black bass were delivered to applicants.

MINNESOTA

New London. - Approximately 375,000 fingerling largemouth bass were seined from the ponds and shipped. This was the entire output of the ponds. Part were hauled by Fisheries Car and part by State of Minnesota truck. Approximately 32,000 bluegill were also shipped by State truck.

NORTH DAKOTA

Valley City. - The walleye pond was drawn and the fish planted in the Sheyenne River or turned over to the State Game and Fish Department for stocking State waters.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Spearfish. - Ninety-five thousand rainbow and 39,000 loch leven trout fingerlings were distributed.

IOWA

Fairport. - Much time has been spent seining the landlocked pools along the Mississippi, Cedar, and Iowa Rivers in this vicinity. Approximately 200,000 sunfish, crappie, bullhead, catfish, and buffalofish have been rescued and released in these rivers.

Four truck trips have been made delivering 2,250 largemouth and 1,725 smallmouth black bass, 2,800 sunfish, and 16,000 bullhead catfish fingerlings within the State of Iowa. It is expected that local distribution will be completed by September 15.

NEBRASKA

Crawford. - Loch leven trout were removed from the ponds at the pumping station at Fort Robinson and distributed.

There were distributed to applicants 25,440 brook, 35,200 loch leven, and 30,152 rainbow trout, and 4,785 catfish. There were turned over to the State of Nebraska for planting in Nebraska waters 42,600 brook and 24,300 rainbow trout.

The 4,785 catfish rescued from a pond that was going dry were delivered to the Pine Ridge Indian Agency.

MISSOURI

Forest Park. - During the month the U, S, Forest Service received shipments of rock bass, bluegill, and blue catfish for the Clark National Forest.

Neosho. - Pondfish distribution from this station has been completed. The total distribution was as follows: 26,945 largemouth bass; 200 crappie; 13,500 catfish; 1,500 rock bass; and 200 bluegills.

OKLAHOMA

Tishomingo. - A total of 9,740 largemouth black bass fingerlings was distributed to applicants in the State of Oklahoma.

MISSISSIPPI

Lyman. - Seven thousand black bass and 11,850 bream fingerlings were distributed to applicants.

LOUISIANA

Natchitoches. - Distribution of bass fingerlings, being carried on under the supervision of the Louisiana State Department of Conservation, was suspended during Army Maneuvers.

TEXAS

Burnet. - One rearing pond was drained and fingerling bass planted in Buchanan Lake.

Fort Worth. - There were 8,665 bass distributed by truck to Cleburne, Clifton, and Hamilton.

San Angelo. - Distribution during the month included 31,000 largemouth black bass, 8,000 channel catfish, 3,400 bluegill sunfish, and 3,000 crappie fingerlings.

NEW MEXICO

Dexter. - Approximately 335,000 fingerling bass were distributed the past month.

Elephant Butte. - A small number of fingerling fish were distributed during the month.

Santa Rosa. - This station has distributed 63,250 fingerlings to lakes and streams, mainly in northeastern New Mexico.

NEVADA

Las Vegas. - Since July 45,800 bass have been distributed, bringing the total for the calendar year to 57,300, which is in excess of any previous year's bass production for this station.

COLORADO

Creede. - No eggs were collected during the month; however 348,460 blackspotted trout eggs were received from the Yellowstone Park, Wyo., station.

Nine thousand rainbow trout were planted in Love Lake, Mineral County, and 4,785 brook trout in Bellows Creek.

Leadville. - Most of the distribution during the month was by the Forest Service for restocking waters in the White River, Cochetopa, Arapaho, Holy Cross, and Pike National Forests.

Three hundred thousand blackspotted trout eggs were received from the Yellowstone Park, Wyo., station.

Distribution of fingerlings from the Eagle Nest substation was completed on August 14.

WYOMING

Jackson. - During the month 285,820 blackspotted and 10,240 lake trout fingerlings were planted.

The National Park Service planted a number of yearling blackspotted trout.

A shipment of 375,000 blackspotted trout eggs was received from the Yellowstone Park, Wyo., station.

Saratoga. - Two hundred twenty-five thousand blackspotted trout eggs were received from the Yellowstone Park, Wyo., station.

During the month 57,380 brook, 15,200 loch leven, 8,610 blackspotted, and 5,040 rainbow trout were distributed.

Yellowstone Park. - The 214,605 blackspotted trout eggs collected this month brings the 1941 season's total to 38,919,650.

Blackspotted trout plantings from this station included 1,902,635 eggs, 2,325,000 fry, and 149,200 fingerlings.

UTAH

Bear Lake. - Twenty thousand eastern brook trout were transferred to the Utah State hatchery at Kamas, Utah, to be planted in the Wasatch National Forest.

Twelve thousand five hundred brook trout were planted in the Sheldon Reservoir at McKinnon, Wyo.

Four hundred ten thousand one hundred native trout were planted in Bear Lake.

Springville. - One hundred nine thousand rainbow, 107,000 blackspotted, 28,000 brook, and 6,000 brown trout were distributed.

There were 400,371 blackspotted trout eggs received from the Yellowstone Park, Wyo., station.

IDAHO

Clark Fork. - Two thousand two hundred twenty eastern brook and 41,250 blackspotted trout fingerlings were delivered to the U. S. Forest Service for planting in National Forest waters.

Hagerman. - The Idaho State Fish and Game Department liberated 220,000 blackspotted trout fingerlings during the first week of August. This Department also planted 16,000 rainbow trout in streams of the Sawtooth National Forest.

The Shoshone Rod and Gun Club liberated 39,000 rainbow trout in the Wood River section of the Sawtooth National Forest.

MONTANA

Bozeman. - During the month a total of 1,458,185 fish of three varieties was distributed by the station. These included 1,107,600 blackspotted, 289,805 rainbow, and 60,780 brook trout.

Creston. - The following fish were delivered for planting in Glacier National Park waters: 489,285 blackspotted trout fry and 69,500 fingerlings; and 93,232 brook trout fingerlings.

Ennis. - A shipment of 300,268 blackspotted trout eggs was received from the Yellowstone Park, Wyo., station.

Distribution consisted of 799,560 rainbow trout fingerlings delivered to Yellowstone Park for planting in National Park waters.

One distribution trip was made for the Bozeman, Mont., station with a load of blackspotted trout fingerlings for Beaverhead National Forest waters.

WASHINGTON

Big White Salmon. - There were 112,500 brook trout fingerlings liberated in Northwestern Lake by station crew for the Columbia National Forest. Eighty-one thousand rainbow trout fingerlings were liberated in Little White Salmon River by station crew for the Columbia National Forest.

Birdsview. - Distribution of fish during the month was as follows: 30,000 brook and 12,000 rainbow trout fingerlings to the Washington State Game Department; 35,000 chinook and 75,000 silver salmon fingerlings planted by station personnel; and 62,000 rainbow trout fingerlings to the U. S. Forest Service.

A shipment of 300,029 blackspotted trout eggs was received from the Yellowstone Park, Wyo., station.

Carson. - During the month 234,950 brook and 232,500 rainbow trout fingerlings were planted in the Columbia National Forest waters by station employees with the assistance of the local State Game Protector. In some cases rough country made it necessary to make packs on foot for some distances from many of the loads; a few were delivered to mule pack trains.

Duckabush. - Due to low water conditions, it was necessary to liberate 36,375 silver salmon fingerlings.

Installation of rack and trap on Duckabush River for humpback and chum salmon egg collections was started on August 11.

Leavenworth. - During the month 483,900 chinook salmon fingerlings were liberated in the Entiat River. One hundred thousand of these fish were marked by removal of anal and adipose fins.

Mount Rainier. - Thirty thousand eastern brook trout fingerlings were received at this station from the Birdview, Wash., station, bringing the total to 130,000. Sixty thousand of these fingerlings were liberated in Lake George and 24,000 each in Lake Louise and Reflection Lake. These lakes are all within the boundaries of the Mount Rainier National Park and distribution was made by employees of the National Park Service.

Quilcene. - Due to low water conditions, 93,925 silver salmon and 106,950 steelhead trout were planted in parental waters. Assisted by the State Game Protector, station personnel distributed 33,798 brook trout fingerlings in local waters.

Quinault. - Totals of 191,556 silver and 450,000 sockeye salmon fingerlings were liberated in Falls Creek, tributary to Lake Quinault, and 44,722 chinook salmon fingerlings were liberated in the West Fork Hump-tulips River, tributary to the Hump-tulips River.

OREGON

Butte Falls. - Twenty thousand rainbow trout fingerlings were delivered to Crater Lake National Park at Crater Lake, Oreg.

The lower rack and sorting pens have been installed in the Rogue River in connection with salmon egg collections which will start shortly.

Delph Creek. - There were 83,630 rainbow trout fingerlings liberated in Delph Creek, Eagle Creek, and the Clackamas River in Clackamas County, Oreg.

CALIFORNIA

Mill Creek. - Station personnel are installing the lower fish rack in Mill Creek. This rack was almost completely wrecked during the past winter by floods.

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